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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

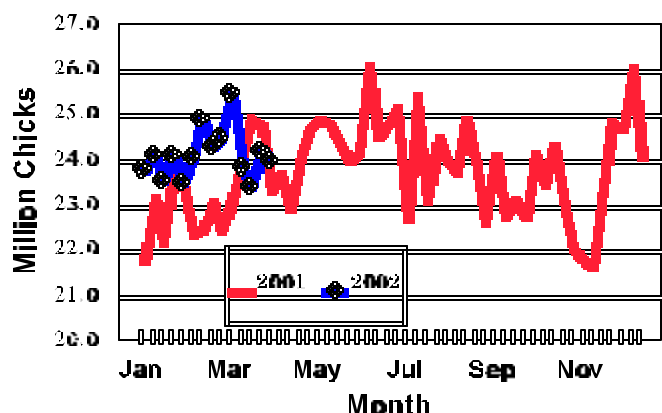
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending April 6, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but down 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 6, 2002 were 338.6 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.7 million, down 1 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and also from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

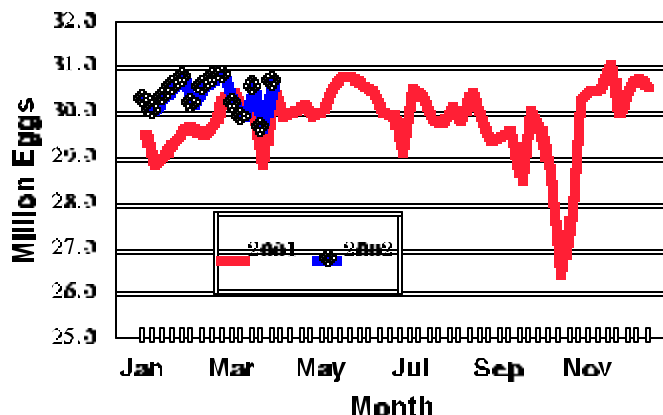
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 6, 2002, up slightly from the same period last year, and up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	%	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Mar. 2	22,485	24,553	109	24,515	25,023	102	30,460	30,859	101
Mar. 9	23,203	25,518	110	24,466	25,433	104	30,536	30,238	99
Mar. 16	24,259	23,918	99	24,708	25,522	103	30,162	29,964	99
Mar. 23	25,011	23,490	94	25,259	25,539	101	29,987	30,633	102
Mar. 30	24,837	24,294	98	25,336	25,067	99	28,886	29,747	103
Apr. 6	23,389	24,056	103	25,003	24,711	99	30,602	30,730	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	%	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	%
Alabama	28,845 *	29,520	29,543	29,181	99	22,042	21,943	21,997	22,769	22,372 *	21,763	98
ARKANSAS	29,964	30,633	29,747	30,730	100	24,553	25,518	23,918	23,490	24,294	24,056	103
Delaware	3,559	3,471	3,537 *	3,556	103	4,902	5,576	5,239	5,167	4,762 *	5,708	101
Florida	2,281	2,317	2,368	2,335	92	2,128	2,180	2,277	2,165	2,215	2,321	106
Georgia	31,545	31,874	31,333 *	32,173	99	26,239	26,174	25,927	25,692	26,126 *	26,099	102
Maryland	10,079	9,223	9,618	9,979	112	6,751	6,293	5,874	5,970	6,050 *	5,815	111
Mississippi	18,654	18,827	18,945	19,079	101	15,691	15,720	15,988	15,553	15,550	15,542	100
N. Carolina	19,428 *	19,335	19,104	19,565	108	15,147	15,495	15,377	15,734	15,491	14,771	102
Pennsylvania	4,005	3,693	3,700 *	3,888	101	2,651	2,660	2,798	2,717	2,678 *	2,825	105
S. Carolina	5,004	4,971	4,717	4,705	96	3,979	3,914	3,951	3,805	3,829	3,627	86
Texas	15,318 *	15,366 *	15,368 *	15,560	102	12,161	12,212 *	12,186 *	12,157 *	12,096 *	11,781	102
Virginia	6,636	6,599	6,573	6,041	90	5,601	4,962	5,764	5,734	5,661 *	6,211	114
CA TN & W VA	11,102	10,975	11,150	11,195	97	9,220	9,851	9,870	9,687	10,607	9,654	94
Total 2002	186,420 *	186,804 *	185,703 *	187,987		151,065	152,498 *	151,166 *	150,640 *	151,731 *	150,173	
Total 2001	184,715	184,449	182,666	186,553		143,883	146,406	148,973	150,747	150,234	148,386	
% PREV. YEAR	101	101	102	101		105	104	101	100	101	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,517	6,326 *	6,326 *	6,690	--	4,874	5,273	5,589	5,368 *	5,330 *	5,298	--
*Oklahoma	6,523	6,370	6,271	6,449	--	4,038	4,512	4,751	4,770	4,928	5,377	--
*LA & MO	8,694	8,964	8,960	9,215	--	9,238	9,403	10,873	10,373	8,875	7,755	--
19 StateTotal	208,154 *	208,464 *	207,260 *	210,341		169,215	171,686 *	172,379 *	171,151 *	170,864 *	168,603	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 188 million eggs during the week ending April 6, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 6, 2002 were 2.09 billion, up 3 percent the same period a year earlier.